



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ringeisen, Timothy A. et al.      Group Art Unit: 1618  
Serial No.: 10/729,146      Examiner: Rogers, James William  
Filing Date: 12/04/2003      Atty. Docket No.: KN P-0146

For: COMPRESSED HIGH DENSITY FIBROUS POLYMERS  
SUITABLE FOR IMPLANT

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO EIGHTH AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2010, please first disregard and do not enter Applicants' Amendment dated March 12, 2010. Instead, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper. Text additions are indicated as underscoring, and text deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~ or by [[double bracketing]].

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Concurrent with this reply, Applicants are tendering the fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as well as a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, both at the small entity rate. Applicants believe that no further fee beyond this is due in connection with this reply. If this or the amount tendered turns out to be erroneous, the Finance Division is authorized to debit or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of any deficiency or excess payment.